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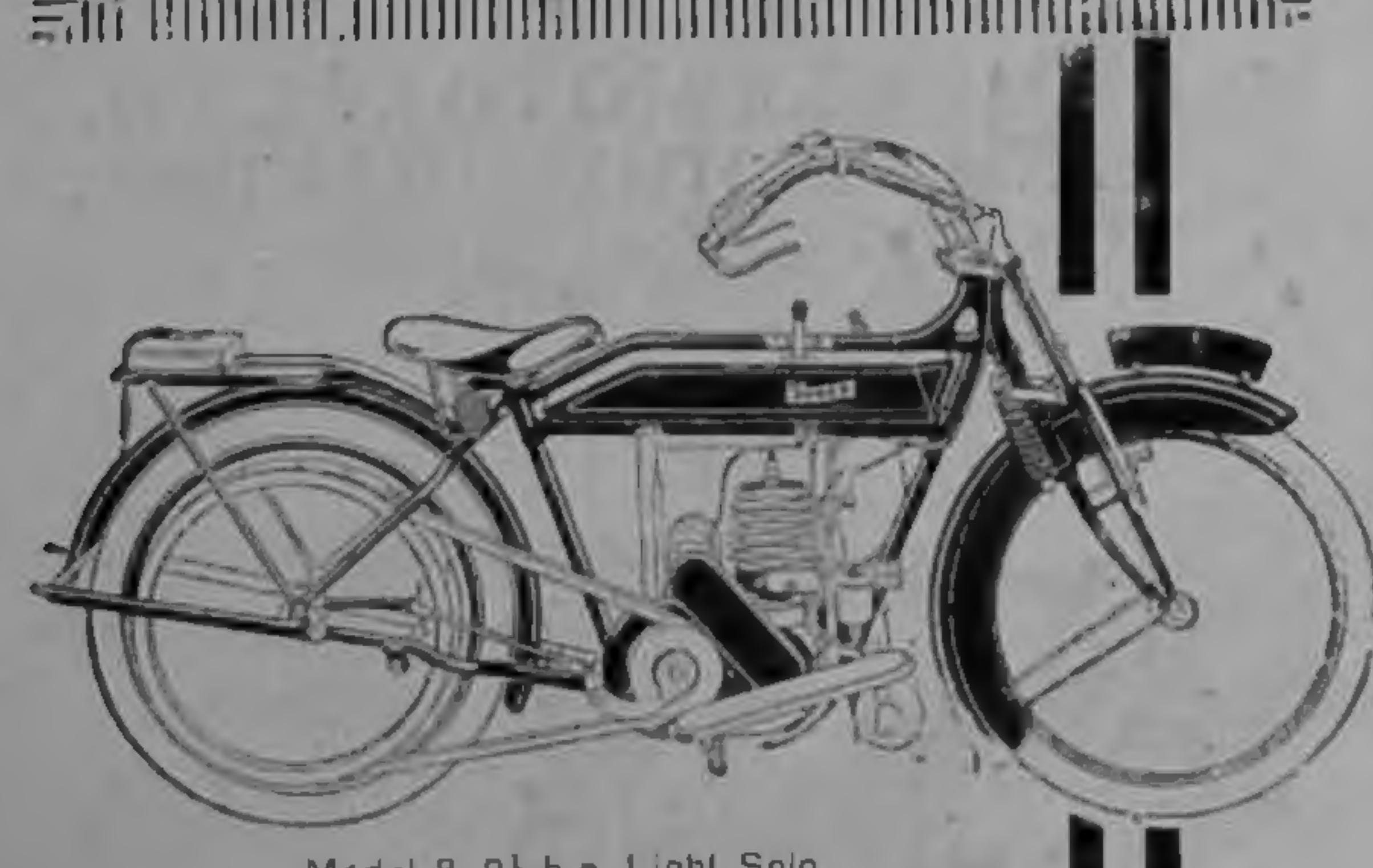
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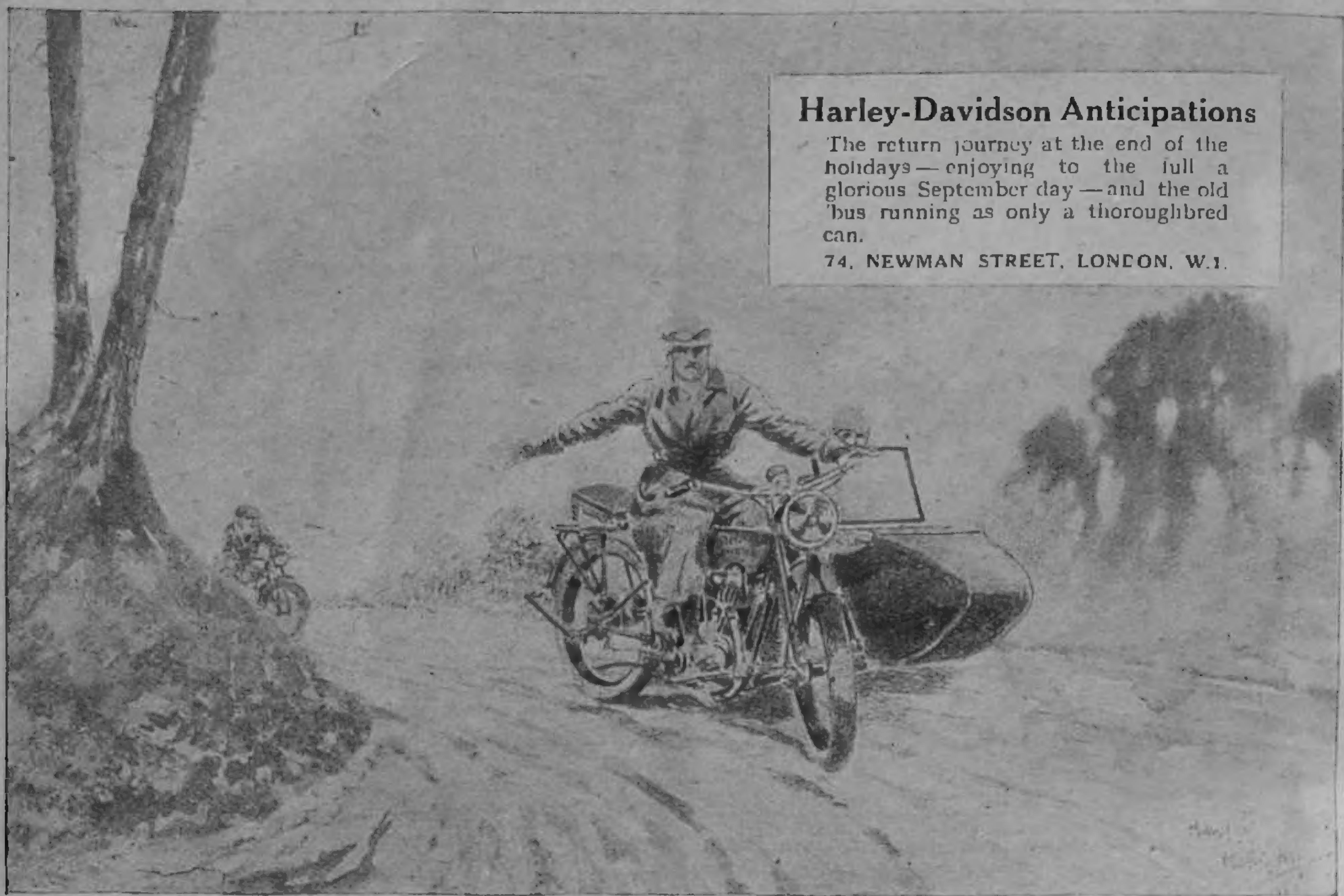
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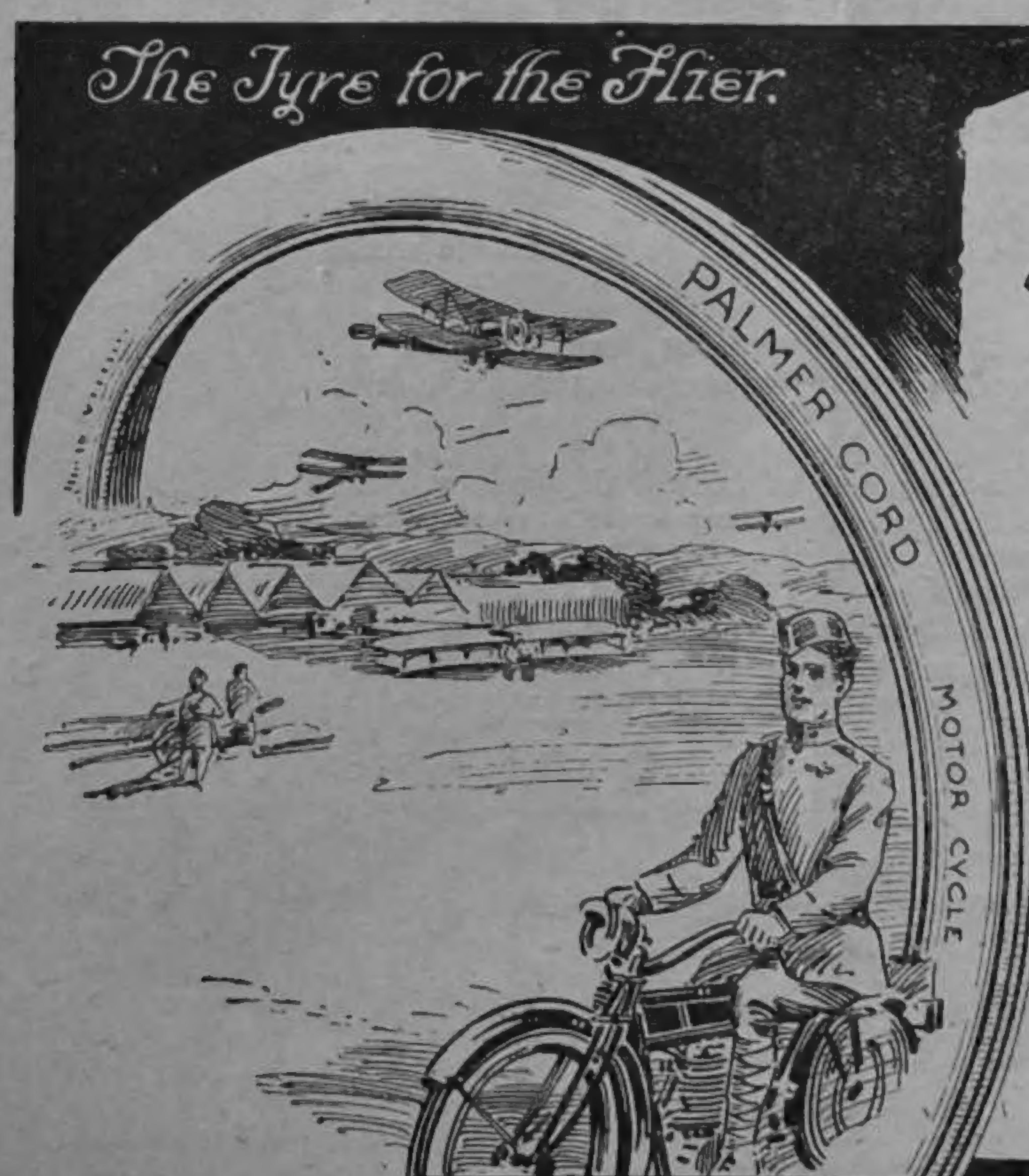
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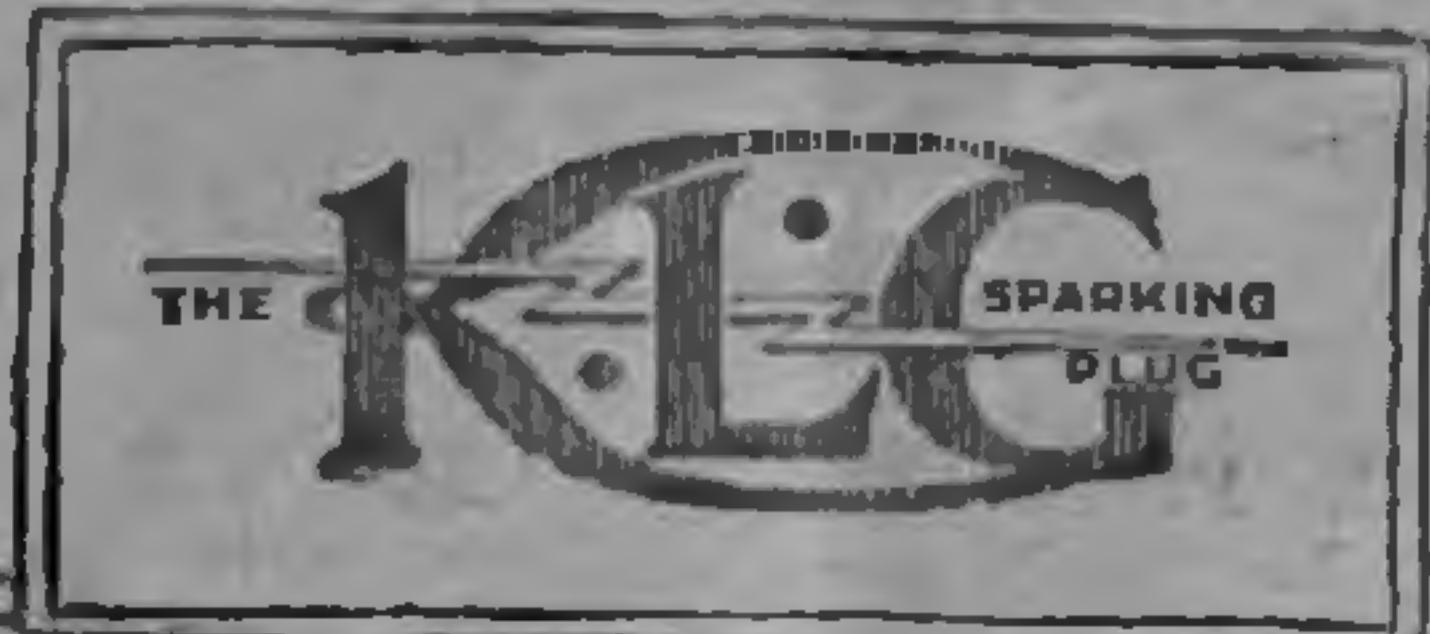
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The general arrangement can readily be seen from the photographs. Starting is effected in the usual manner from a small tank carrying petrol which is led thence into the main petrol pipe. As soon as the engine is under way and warmed up the petrol tap is turned off and the tap from the main tank opened. The latter must naturally be turned off and the petrol tap on before stopping the engine; otherwise there will be great difficulty in re-starting.

In order to fit up this heating arrangement, the chief requisite is an empty tobacco or cigarette tin of sufficient size to cover the float chamber and leave a space for the circulation of hot gas led from the silencer. A slot (A) is cut in the side of the tin to enable it to be slid up into position round the float chamber, and holes (B) are cut eccentrically in the lid and in the bottom to admit the needle valve cap and petrol

union; the top hole must, of course, be vertically above the bottom one. The tin itself should be cut to such a length that, with the lower portion held in place by the petrol union nut and a washer, the sides of the tin will allow the lid just to cover the lid of the float chamber, only the end of the needle valve cap being allowed to project through for the purposes of flooding.

A hole must also be cut through the tin (C) near the bottom on the side nearest the crankcase for the pipe from the silencer, and a vent (D) for the gases near the top on the opposite side, thus ensuring complete circulation.

The tin should now be placed over the float chamber, held in position by the petrol union nut and a suitable washer, and soldered to the body of the carburetter, which should then be replaced in position on the induction pipe, so that the connecting copper tube from the exhaust box may be bent to the required shape. The tube is attached to the silencer, which in this case is an aluminium casting, as follows:—The silencer is drilled and tapped and a brass union is screwed into it.

The copper tube, which should be of  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. section, is then fitted with a nipple and nut in the same way as the petrol unions, and bent to the required shape, when it should be firmly soldered into the tin. Having secured connection at both ends, it is essential to lag the whole copper pipe with a

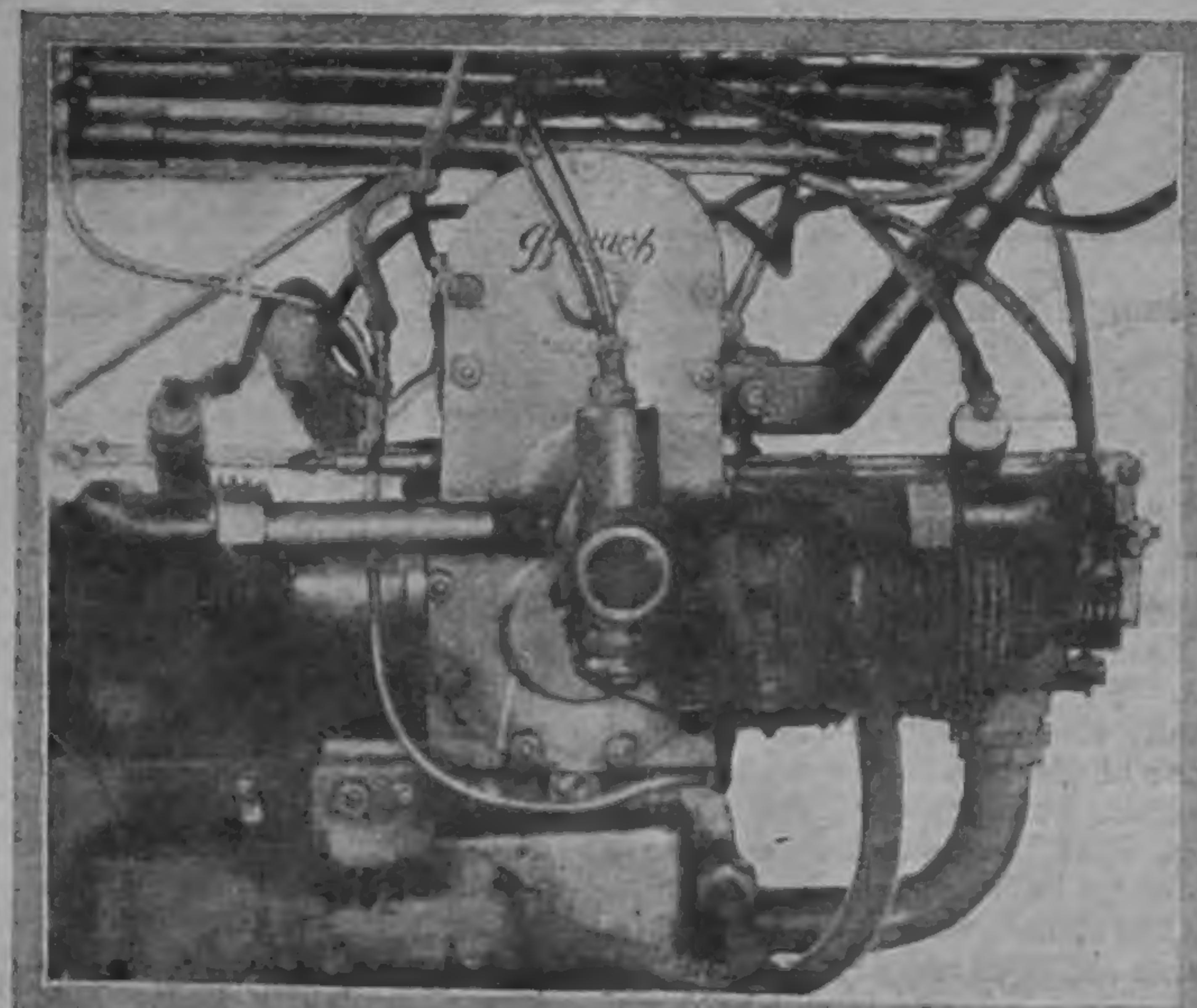


Fig. 1.—The complete vaporizer in position.



A Sunday morning service in an aerodrome in France. The chaplain is seen conducting the service from the observer's seat of an aeroplane.—*Official photograph*,

## AIR ARTS - - - AND CRAFTS.

Aviation Notes For Motorcyclists.

## FLYING THE ATLANTIC.

### A Review of the Possibilities and Probabilities of Its Achievement.

**E**XPERTS, both in this country and in America, are agreed that the flight across the Atlantic will be accomplished by an aeroplane within the next few months. No sooner has it been accomplished for the first time than it will very rapidly become the regular method of delivering the big bombing machines which our Ally is building, and very shortly we shall be looking back upon the idea of packing such machines for water transport, and causing them to take up unnecessary ship space, with much the same amused tolerance as that with which many of us now view one of the conditions of the Military Trials in 1912, which laid down that each of the competing machines was to be capable of being packed in a case of certain specified dimensions.

There seem to be two outstanding problems yet to be satisfactorily tackled before the transatlantic flight becomes a mere matter of routine.

The first is the ability of the Americans to build an aero engine which can be relied upon to run for 20 to 30 hours with absolute certainty; so far the Yankee machines have not quite reached such a state of perfection, but every hour's flying experience gained with their engines will bring it nearer.

The second is the ability of the pilot or pilots satisfactorily to navigate their machines without getting badly off their course. This difficulty may be met either by directional wireless or by the placing of a chain of patrol boats along the route selected, at intervals of some 300 miles, one from the other.

There are two routes which may be adopted. In both cases a start would be made from St. John's, Newfoundland. In the one case, a straight flight would be made direct to Ireland, a distance of 1860

miles; in the other, a more southerly route would be taken from St. John's to the Azores, a distance of 1195 miles. A landing would be made there, and the fuel tanks would be refilled. The machine would then make Lisbon (Portugal), a distance of 850 miles, and after again filling up would fly either to an English base or direct to one of the battle fronts.

The direct route to Ireland seems the most feasible for the initial attempt, its length notwithstanding, as there appears to be some trouble about finding a suitable landing ground in the Azores, which would necessitate the use of floats on the machine to enable it to alight in a harbour. It is difficult to see how the huge floats which would be necessary could be satisfactorily attached to a land machine without creating a lot of unnecessary head resistance. A properly-designed seaplane or flying boat might perform the task satisfactorily, but this is not the type of machine which is most pressingly needed at the moment.

The machine chosen for the initial attempt will probably be equipped with two engines, each of 350 h.p., and will be capable of a speed of 85 miles an hour in still air. The prevailing winds will be in its favour, and may add some 10 or 15 miles an hour on to this speed. There is this important point, however, to bear in mind. For every hour that the machine is in the air it is being lightened by the amount of fuel consumed. The effect of this will be to cause the machine to climb steadily if the power output of the propelling plant is left untouched. In actual practice the engines will probably be gradually throttled down. This will ease the strain on them, but will tend to slow up the machine, so that a 'plane

## Air Arts and Crafts (contd.).

leaving Newfoundland at a speed of 85 miles per hour with a power output of 700 h.h.p. might complete the flight at 65 miles per hour on a power output of 400 h.h.p. This will slightly increase the total time of the trip, but might reduce the total fuel consumption ; by how much it is impossible to say without referring to the figures for the consumption of the engines in use, at various power outputs. Generally speaking, the fuel efficiency of an engine decreases as it is throttled down.

Two schemes might be suggested for maintaining the speed, if this were considered necessary. The tail plane could be mounted adjustably, in the manner adopted on some scouts, so that the flying angle of the whole machine could be decreased as the loading was reduced. An alternative would be to reduce the area of the main planes as the flight progressed. This problem has been discussed for many years, but never satisfactorily solved. There seems sufficient inducement, however, in the case of the transatlantic flight to justify going into it again.

Such details as these, nevertheless, can be considered later. Their incorporation might help a

regular ferry service, but they are in no way necessary to the initial flight, which turns upon thoroughly reliable engines and navigation. The former are coming nearer every day and the latter may turn out to depend largely upon the efficient organization of patrol ships.

One thing is certain ; there will be no lack of suitable volunteer pilots, both English and American, keen on gaining the honour of the first trip, who will probably run less risks to themselves than did the crew of the Handley Page which set out for Salonica some months ago to bomb Constantinople and return and did it, or than the Italian squadron which recently flew to Vienna for propaganda purposes, and did it, a 700-mile journey in each case.

We can picture the late Gustave Hamel looking down upon a string of machines winging their way across the Atlantic. But for his untimely death he might possibly have got across before the war. His was a plucky scheme, involving as it did the use of an enormous single-engined monoplane with a detachable landing gear which was to be dropped as soon as he took the air, to reduce head resistance on the long flight, with the hope of making a safe crash landing at the other end.

F.B.S.

## The Sensations of a Parachute Descent.

AFTER watching several demonstrations of dropping from an aeroplane by parachute, I became very keen upon making a drop myself, and after some trouble I obtained permission from the inventor of a certain type of parachute to do so the following week. At the appointed time I turned up at the aerodrome and found the pilot and his machine outside the hangar, waiting for me, in company with a number of specially favoured visitors and spectators who had been invited to watch the trial. After being introduced to the pilot and several important personages, I walked up to the waiting machine, where willing hands strapped me into the harness by which the parachutist is attached to the parachute.

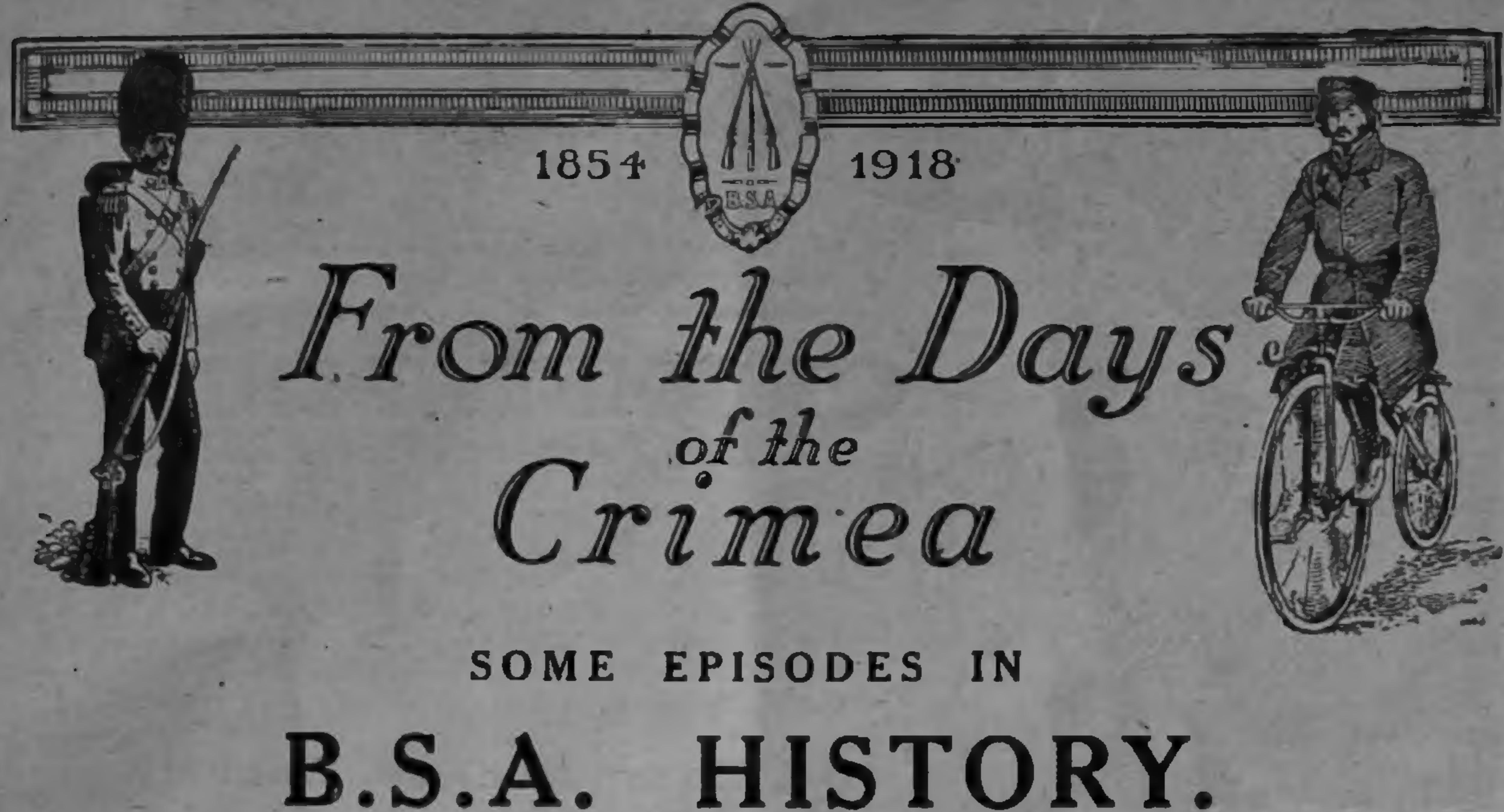
I shake hands with a few friends and climb into the

passenger's seat in front of the cockpit. By the time that I have seated myself in the machine, a mechanic is swinging the propeller, and, after he has run clear of the wings, the pilot opens out the engine. I wave my hand to the groups of spectators, while already the machine is tearing across the aerodrome.

The next time I look over I find that we are in the air, and the ground seems to be dropping away from us very quickly, so I take a good look at all the buckles on the harness to see that everything is in good order. I begin to wish that I had not volunteered to make the drop, as the ground seems so sickeningly far away, but, stimulated by the thought of the spectators beneath, I pluck up courage. The pilot gives me the signal to get ready to jump. I



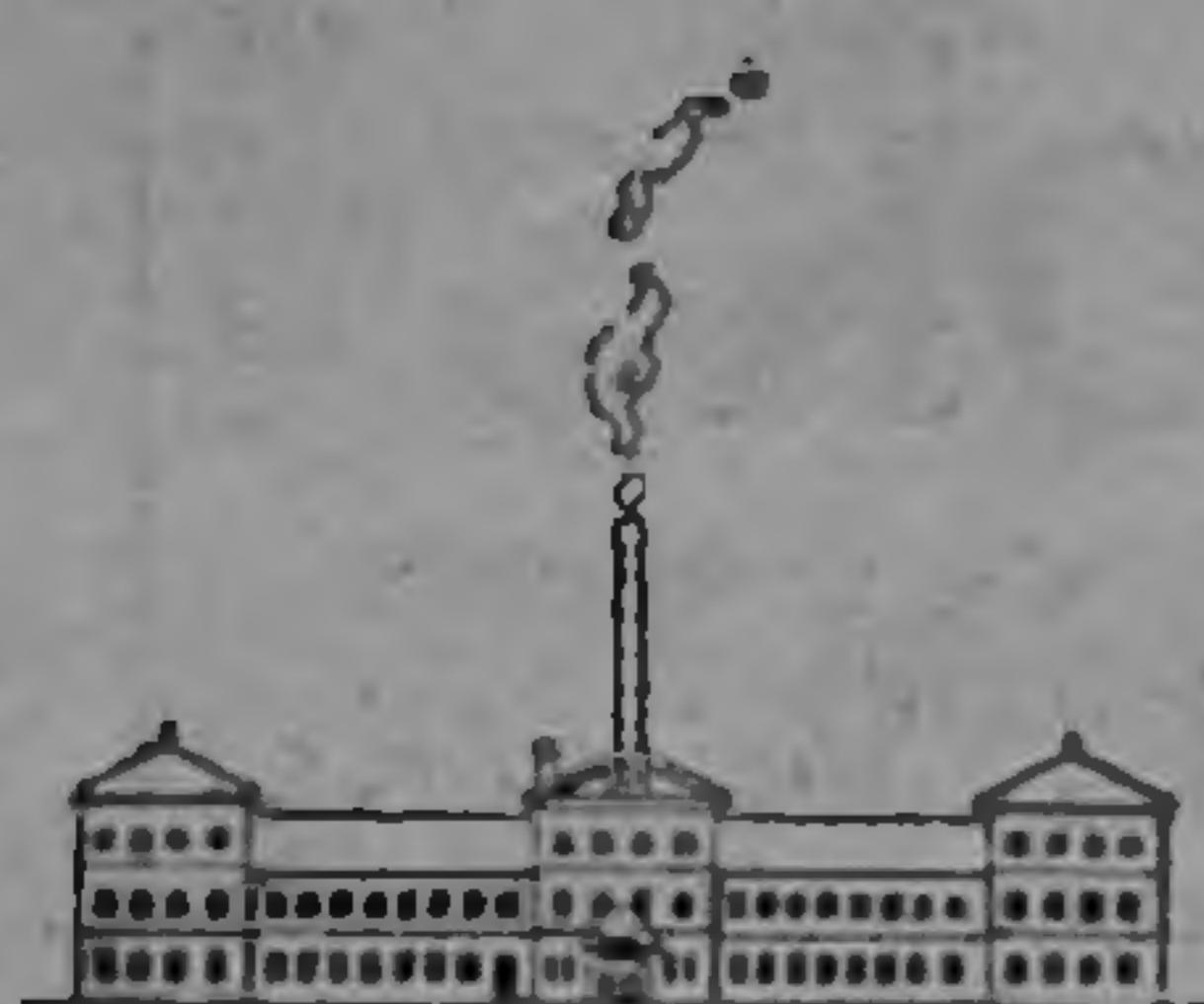
A scene in an American aeroplane repair depot in France.—American official photograph.



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## Converting a Brough to Run on Heavy Fuel (contd.).

layer of insulating tape, then asbestos string, followed by more insulating tape. This is necessary to prevent the loss of heat which would otherwise take place. For the same reason two layers of felt should be cut to fit round the sides of the tin—one alone was found by experiment to be insufficient—also a layer to cover both top and bottom. The whole, as will be seen from the photograph, was secured with insulating tape, but this was unsightly and unsatisfactory. It has now been superseded by carefully wiring the felt on to the tin and fixing it with a spot of solder.

It may be argued that the whole arrangement is liable to set fire to the carburettor; this is not so, however. The machine may be run with flames issuing from the exhaust, but, owing to the small bore of the tubing, no flame reaches the hot air chamber. The float chamber is kept quite warm and at an even temperature; not excessively hot, but sufficient to produce good carburation.

Slow running does not seem to be affected in any way once the carburettor is warm, nor is there ever

any misfiring at low speeds with the device in operation. On one occasion, however, the connecting tube came adrift at the silencer and during a run. The difference was at once very marked. The engine began spluttering badly and flatly refusing to run as an engine should until provided with a sufficiency of petrol in the tank to form a workable mixture with the other fuel. The device has now been in action for some time, and has, with the above exception, proved completely satisfactory. Up to the present the most suitable jets appear to be ■ or 00, 3 and 7, although ■ 4 jet gives rather a better result at times.

In addition to this carburettor fitting, the crankcase release has been made to do useful work. As may be noted in the photograph, instead of merely blowing oil on to the ground, the

original pipe has been bent up and taken forward under the tank to the front overhead rocker arms, which it lubricates most efficiently with an oil mist. A shield is fitted to prevent surplus oil from blowing back on to the rider. A thin piece of copper tubing is soldered into the other tube, and performs the same function to the rockers on the rear cylinder. V.H.

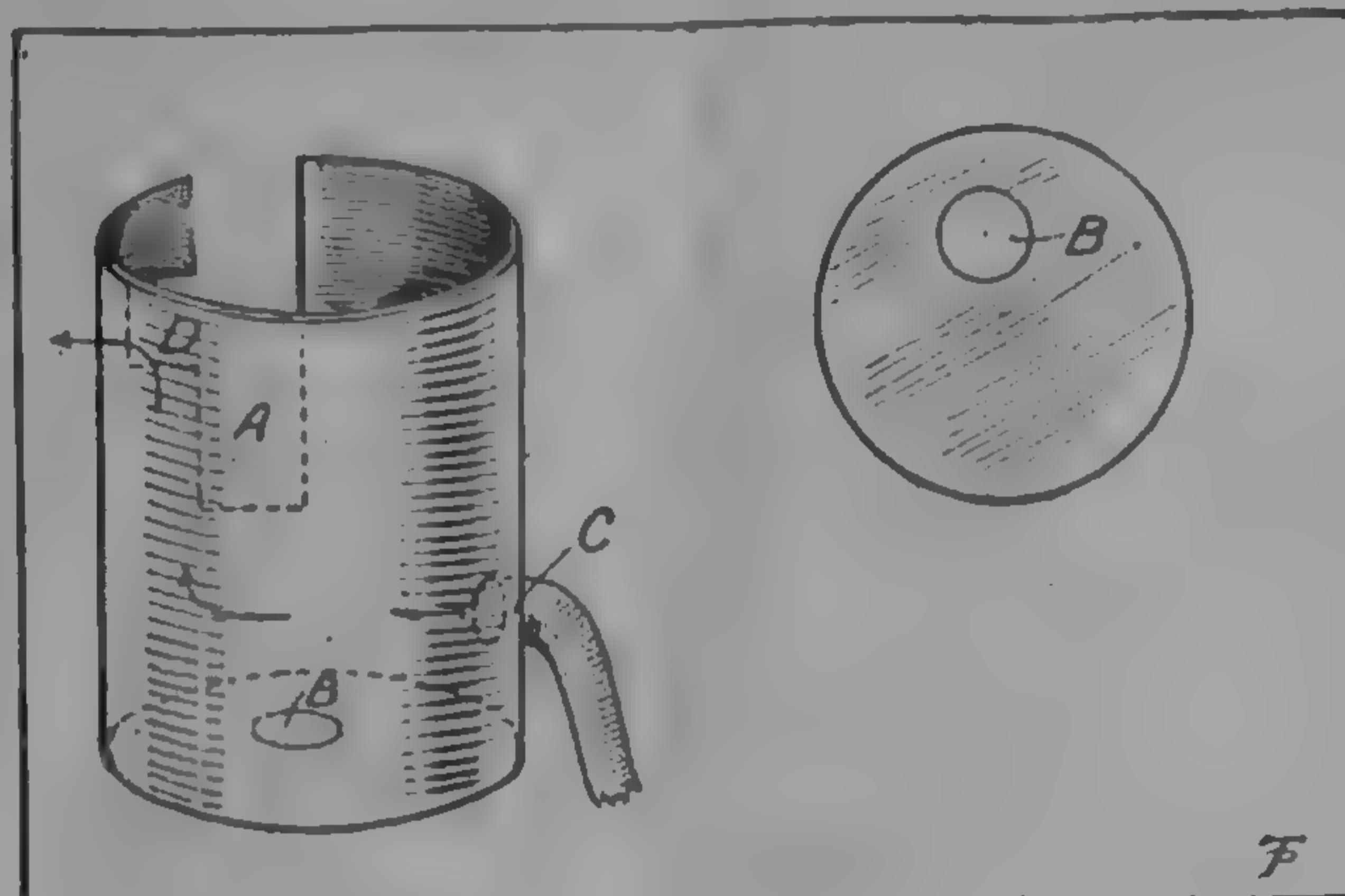


Fig. 4.—Constructional details of the fitment.

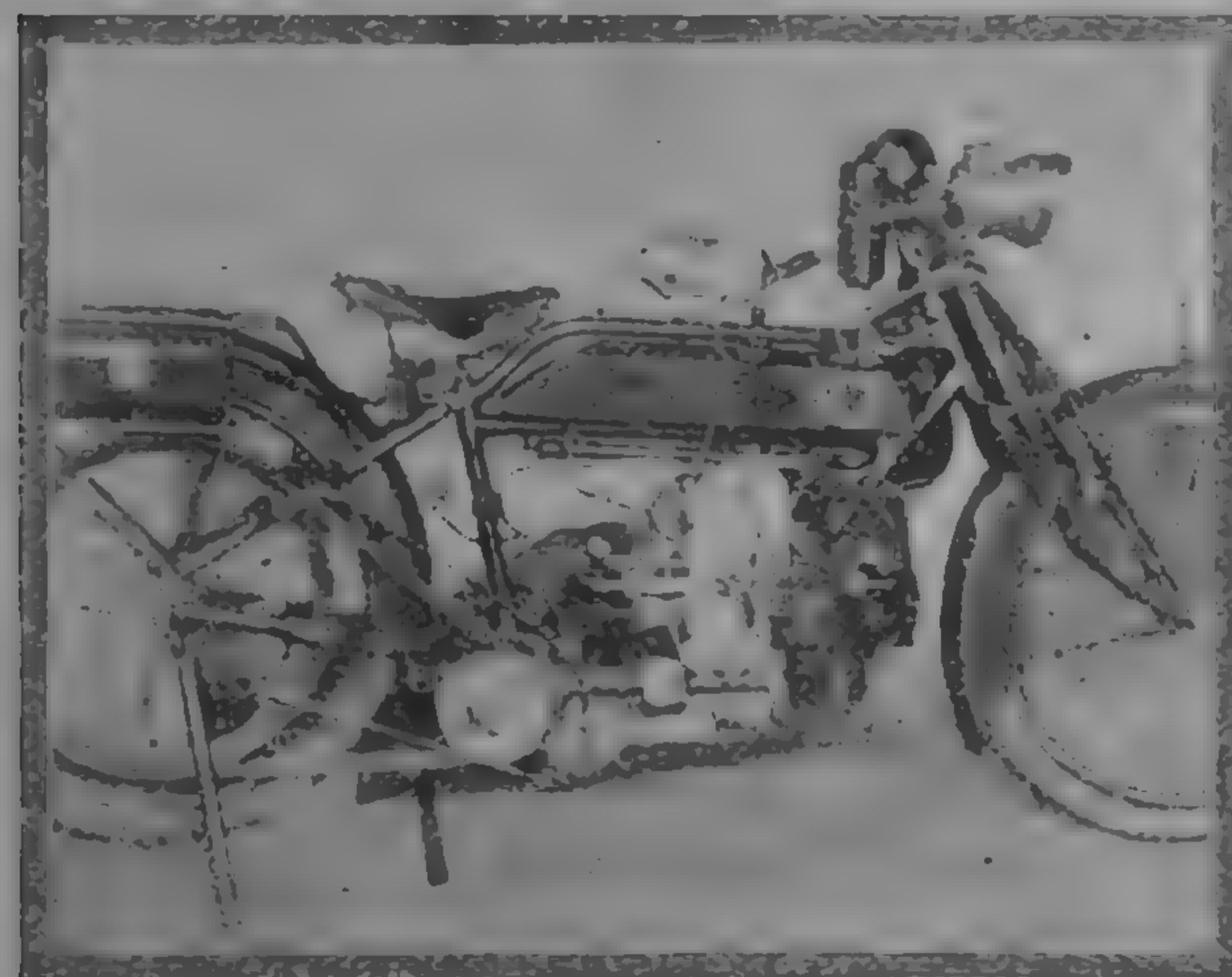


Fig. 2.—The complete machine.

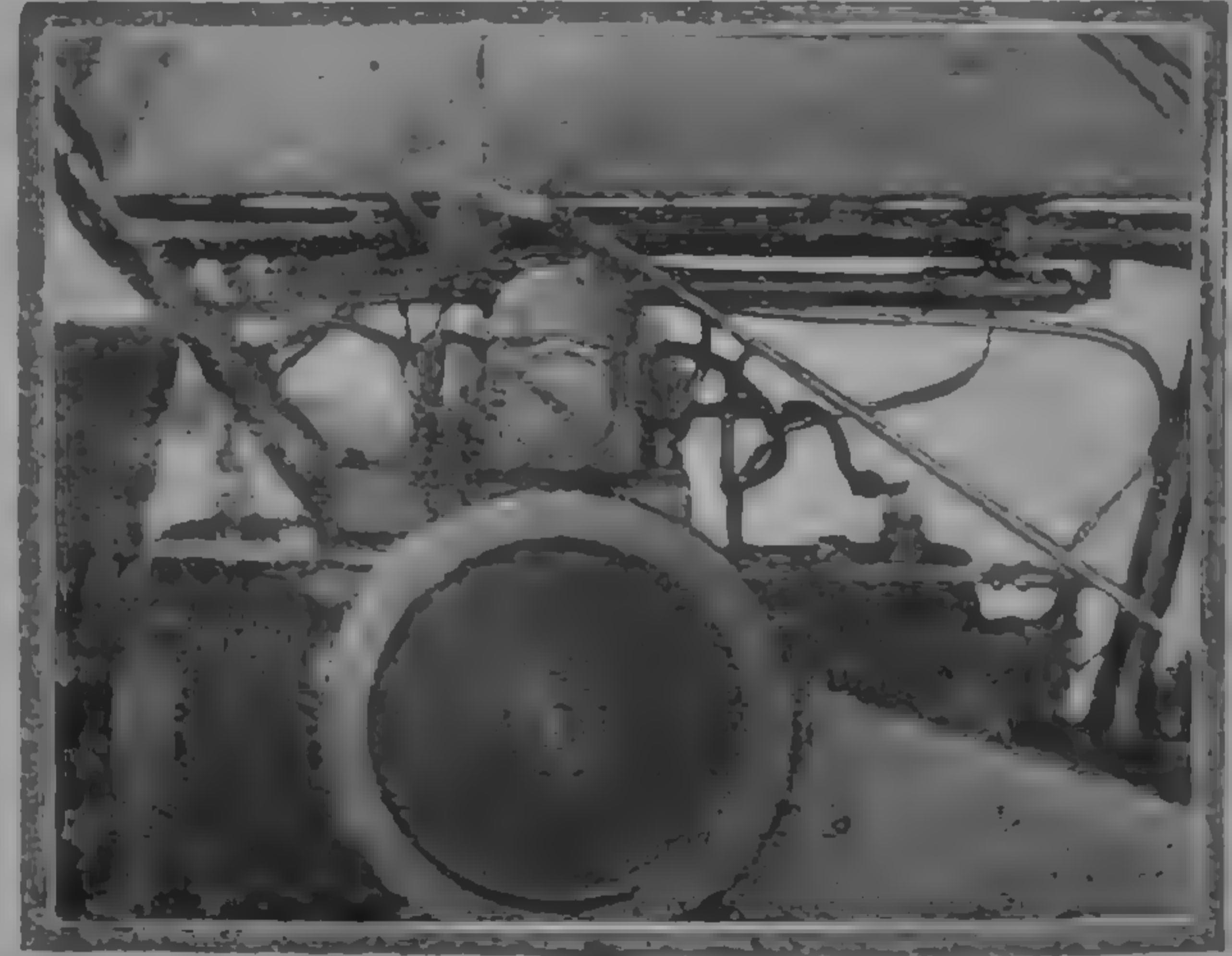


Fig. 3.—How the overhead rockers are lubricated.

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climb out on to the wing of the machine, and, by clinging to the body, I am able to reach the trailing edge of the wing, and sit down with my feet dangling over the edge of the plane. I manage to hold on with one hand to the body of the machine, and with the other grasp hold of the tie-rods which stretch between the top and bottom planes from the struts to the body.

In this position the air pressure on my back is terrific, as the machine is travelling at over 50 m.p.h. When I look at the pilot, so snug in his cockpit, I think without enthusiasm of the job before me, but presently he gives me a smile and a pleasant nod, and, smiling back, I shut my eyes and let go of the machine. By doing so, I drop from it and fall through space.

Before I can open my eyes I feel a tug at my back, which tells me that the parachute has left the casing in the body of the machine and has pulled out from

its shield. I manage to look down at the ground, which is racing up to me at a terrific speed, and almost immediately there is another tug at my back; upon looking up I find that the parachute has opened and I am drifting to earth with a very slow and gentle motion.

Upon glancing downwards, I can see upturned white faces gazing at me, and several spectators are racing across the aerodrome below me to meet me when I touch the ground. Within a minute I am almost on terra firma again. By this time the parachute has got a gentle swing on it.

I am surprised, upon reaching the ground, not to receive anything like a severe shaking, but only the same small shock as one would experience when vaulting over a low garden wall. I feel none the worse for my adventure, especially as I have made a low drop.

R.G.K.

#### A COMMON OCCURRENCE.

IT is a very common experience for manufacturers to receive requests for lists and information from people who omit to enclose their address. A recent example has been brought to our notice by Douglas Motors, Ltd., who have received two communications from a Lieut. Connochie. The first of these concerned the purchase of a machine, while the second complained of the concern's lack of courtesy in not replying to his first letter. In neither instance was the writer's address included. If Lieut. Connochie should see this paragraph, and will make good the omission, Douglas Motors, Ltd., will be glad to remove the cause of his complaint, which is naturally quite unjustified.

#### OF IMPORTANCE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

WILL those of our readers who are attached to either of the Services please bear in mind that, according to the regulations, contributions of any nature intended for publication must first be submitted to their Commanding Officer and his written permission must invariably accompany all such contributions.

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All contributions dealing with naval or military subjects are invariably submitted to the Press Bureau before insertion.

# NEWS in BRIEF



A nocturne of the Strand—a foretaste of winter.

### Fire!

GIVING evidence in a case of motor cycling at excessive speed at Paignton, recently, a witness said that the defendant was scorching. The Bench, however, quenched him with a fine of £1.

### A Public Benefactor.

Mr. J. B. Dunlop, inventor of the Dunlop Tyre, summoned at Dublin for illegal use of a motorcar, pleaded that he was 79 and suffering from bronchitis. The magistrate, saying that he must regard him as a public benefactor, imposed the nominal fine of 10s.

### Death of a Well-known Experimentalist.

MEMBERS of the engineering world will regret to hear of the death of Major Bertram Hopkinson at Cambridge, where he was Professor of Mechanics, and who has conducted extensive experiments upon the effects of water injection in internal-combustion engines.

### Lighting-up Times for Saturday, 28th Sept., 1918.

London ...	...	...	...	...	7.15 p.m.
Newcastle	...	...	...	...	7.19 p.m.
Birmingham	...	...	...	...	7.21 p.m.
Edinburgh	...	...	...	...	7.55 p.m.
Liverpool	...	...	...	...	7.25 p.m.
Bristol	...	...	...	...	7.25 p.m.
Dublin	...	...	...	...	8.9 p.m.

Lighting-up time in Ireland and Scotland is one hour after sunset, but the Scottish lighting regulations (vehicles) come into effect half an hour after sunset.

Lighting-up time in England and Wales is half an hour after sunset.

Moon.—Last quarter on the 27th.

### Leniency for a Joy-riding Munitions Inspector.

OPENING a case of unlawfully using petrol in a motorcycle at Brierley Hill recently, a constable stated that the defendant, when stopped, said that he had not a petrol permit and had never had one. He was using petrol which had been given to him and some which he had had in the tank for 18 months. He was going to Malvern for his holiday. In defence it was stated that the defendant had been "misled" by a paragraph in a motor journal, stating that munition workers might use their motorcycles "for their holidays," provided they obtained the necessary permit. Defendant had applied for one and received a telegram from the President of the Motorcyclists' Union stating that the necessary permits were being forwarded. Defendant delayed going on his holiday for two days, awaiting the arrival of the permit, but it did not come to hand, nor had it since arrived. He took the telegram with him, however, and produced it to the constable. The Bench ordered him to pay costs and the solicitor's fee.

### No Petrol for King's Messengers.

ALTHOUGH his solicitor informed the Bench that he was at the time on Government duty as a King's Messenger, S. Hercules Langrishe, Cmdr., R.N.V.R., was recently fined £2 by the Isle of Wight Bench for using a motorcycle without having a permit.

### A Fatherly Feeling.

AN Italian living at Handsworth, Birmingham, who was summoned recently for using petrol in his motorcycle on August Bank Holiday, contrary to the Motor Spirit Order, pleaded that at the time he was riding to see his son, who had joined up in the British Army. All the other members of his family of military age had joined the Italian Army. The chairman of the Shrewsbury Bench said that it was very natural that the defendant should want to go and see his soldier son and the case would be dismissed upon payment of costs.

### Horns and Hatred.

"MOTORISTS are not really morose, evil-disposed usurpers of the common rights of way. They have been woefully belied and misrepresented by the mechanical ~~monsters~~ which an ill-directed ingenuity has bestowed upon them," says "The Saturday Review," in pointing to the motor horn as the sole cause of the odium in which the motorist is supposed to be held by the public. If this is the case, it is just as well that the horn has been called to another sphere of usefulness, according to the "Daily Express"—that of giving gas-attack warnings at the front. Doubtless the sound of its voice, however, calls forth the same old stream of invective from soldiers in France as it did from village loiterers in a pre-war Blighty.

### Roadside Advertising Campaign Continued.

LOVERS of the countryside will be glad to know that the Royal Automobile Club is continuing its campaign, recently referred to in these columns, against the disfigurement of our roadsides by objectionable advertising hoardings. An eight page pamphlet has now been prepared by the R.A.C. in collaboration with the Society for Checking the Abuses of Public Advertising, dealing with the facts of the case, and it is proposed to place this pamphlet in the hands of all local authorities who have not as yet taken action. The present time is peculiarly suitable for such action, while war restrictions have reduced the number of roadside signs and hoardings to a minimum, so that the removal of what remains of them would inflict the least possible harm upon their owners. Five years' grace is allowed by the Advertisements Regulation Act to advertisements which are in existence at the time when by-laws forbidding their display are framed, but, as the R.A.C. points out, although this may seem discouraging, it should operate as an incentive to local authorities to take action at once. Prompt measures now will at any rate prevent the instalment of new eyesores.

## News in Brief (contd.).

## Powell and Hanmer Changes.

WE learn that Mr. Hanmer, Senr., of Messrs. Powell and Hanmer, Ltd., Chester Street, Birmingham, has purchased the interest of Mr. Powell in this concern, Mr. Powell having severed his connection with the company.

## A Dangerous Corner.

RETURNING from Windsor by motorcycle with his major in the sidecar, a lieutenant of the Canadian Forestry Corps crashed into a telephone pole when rounding a sharp bend near the Wheatsheaf Hotel and was killed instantaneously. The machine was wrecked, but the passenger escaped with a severe shaking.

## Drenched With Burning Petrol.

A GHASTLY story comes from San Antonio, Texas, where a young mechanic died in hospital as the result of burns received from burning petrol. A half-gallon can of the spirit caught fire in a shop and was hurled out by one of the employees in order to prevent a conflagration. The blazing spirit struck the mechanic, who was just outside the door, and his clothes were immediately enveloped in flames. They were burned from him before the flames could be extinguished.

## From a German Dug-out.

THE illustration on this page is reproduced from a page of the "Berliner Illustrirte Zeitung" which adorned the wall of a German dug-out. During the recent push a reader of MOTOR CYCLING entered this dug out and, realizing the interest the picture would hold for fellow readers at home, tore it from the wall and sent it to the Editor. The picture is obviously a posed photograph. The motorcycle is a Wanderer, one of the only two makes used in any quantity by the German Army.

In pre-war days the Wanderer was imported into this country by the Service Co., Ltd., of 292, High Holborn. It incorporated many good features and was well constructed. A constructional peculiarity is that the single-cylinder engine sloped forward in the frame, after the manner of the P. and M., only not to such a great degree. In the accompanying illustration the angle at which the cylinder is set makes the power unit resemble a twin.

## Current Competitions.

WITH the idea of giving the mechanically and artistically-minded a little incentive, MOTOR CYCLING offers a prize of Two Guineas for what constitutes, in the opinion of the Editor, the best dimensioned drawing and description of an attractive sidecar body. In making the award, attention will be paid to seating and luggage accommodation, weight, wind resistance and manufacturing costs.

Attempts, the descriptive matter of which should not exceed 750 words, should be marked "Sidecar Body," and should be addressed to the Editor, MOTOR CYCLING, 7-15, Rosebery Avenue, London, E.C. The closing date will be Tuesday, 15th October.

A MOTOR CYCLING 10s. note (franking the purchase of goods to this amount from any advertiser in our pages) will be awarded to the sender of the article which, in the opinion of the Editor, deals best, in 500 words, with the subject: "Big single or small twin; which is the best all-purpose mount?" The closing date will be 29th October.

## Prices of Indians and American Excelsiors Raised.

WE learn that the Hendee Manufacturing Co. in America has advanced prices by 50 dollars (about £10) on their Indian twin-cylinder models. It is not known yet whether the prices of these machines will be raised correspondingly on this side. American Excelsiors have also gone up in price 60 dollars.

## Epicureanism on £1 a Week.

SUMMONED at Croydon for using petrol substitute for driving a motorcycle, contrary to the M.S.R.O., a Dalston cashier admitted that he had been on a holiday at Brighton and was returning when he was stopped. He was a cashier earning £1 weekly with board and lodging, and the combination was his. The Clerk: "Bless my soul, on £1 a week? You will have an estate presently. What did this chariot cost? A good deal of money?" The defendant replied that he bought it second-hand for £7 10s. and had it repaired to the tune of about that amount again. He was fined £2 2s.

## R.A.F. Motorcycle Candidate After 2½ Hours Tuition.

THE recent complaints of unsatisfactory tuition at certain alleged motor schools were substantiated recently at an inquest held at Surbiton, when investigation was made of a fatal motorcycle accident. The accident, it was stated, resulted from the testing of a girl candidate for the Royal Air Force. She was driving a sidecar combination with the sergeant-major, who was testing her, as passenger, when she saw the deceased woman approaching her on a bicycle. The motorcycle swerved to the off side and the sidecar struck the cycle, throwing its rider into the roadway. The coroner: "You lost control of the motorcycle?" Defendant replied: "Yes, I couldn't get it back to the right side." "Were you nervous?" "Yes, a bit." In reply to further questions the defendant confessed that she had taken a 2½ hours course at a certain school of motoring. The sergeant-major stated that it was not Army practice to ask for a certificate of proficiency when women presented themselves as candidates for enrolment; they tested the applicants themselves. He added that he had tested a good many pupils from the motor school mentioned and had never found one satisfactory yet. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

## The Dunlop Endowment and Education Schemes.

THE first term of the Dunlop Rubber Co.'s educational scheme has now come to an end, and on Friday, 6th September, the male and female members of the technical and commercial staffs assembled at the Birmingham Temperance Hall to celebrate its conclusion and also the inauguration of a staff endowment scheme. The Lord Mayor of Birmingham was present and distributed the prizes.

The schemes were explained in detail by a member of the Dunlop staff, who pointed out how in the past industry and commerce in this country had been handicapped through the greater percentage of those employed being unable for want of sufficient education to use their abilities to the best advantage. The Dunlop education and endowment scheme would, they hoped, put an end to this. To each student who achieved success promotion is practically assured. Although the scheme was inaugurated only in January last, out of 200 students enrolled 120 were prize-winners, although in most of the schools and classes the full year's class had been half completed. A concert by the Dunlop staff choir, whose fine renderings were very much appreciated, completed the proceedings.



What a German D.R. looks like.

# DOES STEAM IMPROVE THE MIXTURE?

A Method of Introducing it Into the Ingoing Charge of Gas.

**I**T is a well-known fact that the presence of a minute quantity of water in the combustion chamber during the explosion has a beneficial effect upon the running of an engine, and many experiments have been made to find out the best method of introducing the water into the cylinder.

Most motorcyclists have noticed how, just about dusk, their engines seem to be developing more power, and they have no doubt put it down to the fact that at "dewy eve" the atmosphere contains more moisture than during the day time. At any rate, it seems fairly certain that this feeling of better running is not altogether an illusion, and it would be difficult to find another explanation of the phenomenon.

One hears, also, of farm tractors and paraffin engines which have been cured of overheating and knocking by the simple process of allowing water to drip into the induction pipe.

The device shown in the photograph is a simple means of mixing water, in the form of steam, with the ingoing charge of gas. The water is contained in the top half of an acetylene generator, the copper pipe being soldered round the valve which ordinarily regulates the drip of water on the carbide. The pipe is then coiled tightly round the exhaust pipe of the rear

cylinder of the Powerplus Indian, to which make of motorcycle the device is fitted at present; thence it passes to the main air intake of the carburetter. Opening the water valve of the generator one notch is sufficient. The heat of the exhaust pipe converts the water in the coiled pipe into steam, and this passes into the carburetter with the main air supply.

What actually happens to the steam it is rather difficult to say. Possibly the cold air and vaporizing petrol condense it to water again, or perhaps the steam helps to vaporize the petrol. At any rate, it is obvious that it gets to the engine in some form, for the carburetter is always dry when the engine is running. When it is hot and stationary after a run, steam can be seen issuing from the pipe.

Just at present it is impossible to give the device a thorough test. Petrol is such a varying concoction nowadays

that it is difficult to say whether an improvement in the running is due to the water or to a lighter spirit. When the water is turned on the engine certainly seems to run slightly better, but data as to petrol consumption, etc., cannot be obtained in a few miles.

The subject certainly opens a promising field for experiment.



A group of D.R.s awaiting orders in Whitehall. An American seems to be on the best of terms with his English confreres.

# Sidecarring in the High Sierras



The author is seen typing the first instalment of his manuscript.

By OUR AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT.

(We do not consider that any apology is needed for the considerable space which is, and will be, devoted to this interesting account of a strenuous tour through some of the most gorgeous scenery in the world. Our only regret is that in the process of reproduction full justice is not done to the unique photographs with which the article is illustrated.)

**W**HAT? You eat all that in two weeks!" This ejaculation was passed over the back fence by our next door neighbour as canned goods, salt pork,hardtack, bags of meal and what not were being packed away in our sidecar in preparation for touring the back trails of the high Sierras. Grub comes high in isolated mountain stores, and, what is more, the quality is frequently poor and the stations few and far between in the country for which we were headed. In addition, we had had some experience with mountain appetites as well as of being on short rations because the commissariat was low. We admit that on this trip our stores were ample, but they included practically nothing that the food administration would not have sanctioned our taking.

After fitting a tin of beans in here, a bag of rice there, a saucepan somewhere else, and a bit of something in just about every nook and cranny of the outfit, we were eventually ready for the road. Just for our own personal edification we ran the combination on to the scales. It tipped the balance at exactly 1050 lb.; 710 lb. of this were machine, sidecar, and passengers, the rest were food, camp equipment, and all the miscellaneous assortment of things that it takes to make life in the open a pleasure instead of a hardship.

Thanks to sound principles of engineering and years of patient development on the part of the motorcycle manufacturers, the machine, loaded though it was, purrred along with perfect ease, and held the road splendidly. We rolled through Pasadena, that city of monocled millionaires, who paused in their promenades and cranked their necks, evidently getting some ideas on war-time economy touring that they had never deemed possible before.

We sailed across the long serpentine bridge over the Arroyo Seco, past Eagle Rock, that manmoth boulder with the American emblem of liberty

embossed by nature on its side, and in a few more minutes were speeding by the motion picture camps and studios of the fertile San Fernando Valley. The highway through this section of the country is like an elongated floor and leads through vast orchards of oranges, lemons, and olives, with great hedgerows of roses and an occasional eucalyptus grove thrown in for good measure of scenery. On the west the low mountains of the Malibu Range stood out in bold relief, while to the eastward the great peaks of the Sierra Madres towered into the heavens with their tops buried in the low-hanging clouds of the morning. The road gradually leads upward, the surrounding country becomes more mountainous, and then suddenly the gaping maw of the Newhall Tunnel looms into view. This tunnel is a blessing to motorists, for it has eliminated the formerly much-dreaded Fremont Pass, a blood-curdling niche in the mountains that early motorecyclists frequently assembled only to find themselves afraid to attempt the trip down. Entering the tunnel it seems as dark as the River Styx by contrast with the brilliant sunlight of the outside. The spot of daylight indicating the opposite end looks about as big as a threepenny bit, and the motorecyclist passing through it must simply head for this tiny guide mark, trusting to good luck and his ability to steer to prevent scraping his ears on the concrete walls of the sides. Once out of the tunnel the road goes down grade for several miles until, just beyond the town of Saugus, the end of the paved highway is reached.

The renowned Ridge Route to Bakersfield had met with an accident in the form of a gigantic landslide. It was quite closed, so we were diverted by the alleged "Best Temporary Route" by way of Boquet Canyon. It is 32 miles through Boquet Canyon, and then over 35 miles of desert road that is profanity provoking to get to Crane Lake—a point which by way of the Ridge is but 38 miles from the end of the

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### SIDECARING IN THE SIERRAS.

1.—Yosemite Falls. Here the waters of Yosemite creek plunge 1430 ft. in the first jump and 320 ft. in the second. 2.—A scene in the Yosemitic Park. 3.—Elizabeth Lake, near the summit of Boquet Canyon. It is one of the few high mountain lakes of the grandeur. 5.—Ellery Lake, far above the timber line in the Tioga Pass. 6.—Our camp on the Nevada shore of Lake Tahoe. 7.—Lake Tahoe. A bullet from the author's pistol ended his career, and he was roasted!

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SIERRAS.

2.—A scene in the Yosemite valley. The large rock in the background is half dome. It rises 4892 ft. above the valley floor, or 8852 ft. mountain lakes of the coast range. 4.—The view into the Yosemite valley, from just below Inspiration Point, is one of indescribable lake Tahoe. 7.—Lake Tahoe, from the rock of the Lady of the Lake, on the Nevada shore. 8.—This fat racoon strayed near our camp and he was roasted for dinner next day. Roasted racoon tastes very much like roast pork.

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## Sidecarring in the High Sierras (contd.).

paved highway at Saugus. The journey through Boquet Canyon is a beautiful one. The road is fairly good with the exception of a few bumpy stretches, and the grades are easy enough, so that, even loaded as we were, we made the greater part of the distance on high gear. Once over the summit of the canyon the road leads out through the Mojave Desert, and here our bad road troubles really began. It was a series of holes, ruts, bumps, sand, steep grades, washes and corrugated scenery all the way to Elizabeth Lake, and until we reached the paved highway at the foot of the Tejon Pass the going was not much better. At Elizabeth Lake we boiled a pot of coffee, ate lunch, and then had a bath under the shelter of some protecting willows. This brief rest dispersed much of our fatigue and left us feeling that we could tour on indefinitely.

Arrival at Crane Lake brought us on to paved highway again, and with a motor that ran with the precision of a watch we were soon reeling off the miles. Except for 18 miles of bumpy old oiled road that was in bad repair over the Tejon Pass we had fair going all the way into Bakersfield. The Tejon Pass is not much of a pass except in name. To be sure, it takes one over a branch of the great American Pacific Coast Range, and into the cool climate of 4000 ft. elevation. It leads through some magnificent



Mirror Lake, a spot of rare magnificence in the cup of the Yosemite Valley.

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ranch country, through forests of oak and around some miles of jagged crags, and although the road is a bit aged and rough it is neither difficult nor dangerous, even for antiquated low-powered machines. Once down the other side the highway leads off into the great central valley of California, a vast level agricultural country dotted with tens of thousands of petroleum wells and interspersed with a network of excellent roads.

It is 36 miles from the foot of the Tejon Pass to Bakersfield, and if one has a fast machine the trip may be made in less than that number of minutes. The road is of concrete all the way, and as smooth as the top of any table. It is slightly down grade and as straight as a stretched string. There are no cross roads, and a clear highway is visible for miles ahead. All the speed limit there is is the speed of one's engine. We slowed down at the town limits of Bakersfield and toured in up Chester Avenue well in time for an early supper, stopping at an hotel in Bakersfield that night.

We slumbered late next morning, and it was 10 o'clock before we took the road for Fresno. Bakersfield is one of the greatest petroleum centres on the face of the earth. It is a fine city and a splendid business town, but it certainly has the Devil's own climate in the summer time. The temperature stood at 115 degrees as we toured out of the place. Once out on the open road we began creating a comfortable breeze for ourselves that was a most welcome relief from the stifling atmosphere of the great oil city. We now had 132 miles of glistening boulevard ahead of us to get to Madera in the heart of the immense raisin district of California, at which point our route led off into the mountains.

That 132 miles was little more than a joy ride. We lunched at Fresno, and by 3 o'clock in the afternoon had stocked our last petrol and oil at civilization prices (10d. per gallon for petrol and 10d. per quart for oil) at Madera, inquired the road to Grub Gulch, and were on our way across the enormous wheat fields that characterize the country just below the first foothills. It was frightfully hot. There was a breeze, to be sure, but it felt as if it came out of an oven. As to the scenery, it was a sea of wheat with a horizon of wheat, and with waves passing over its surface like the waves of the ocean. After travelling 20 miles we had for scenery—more wheat! It would almost strain one's imagination to believe that a world shortage of breadstuffs could exist while looking upon such a spectacle, or to think that such institutions as wheatless days and daily wheatless meals could be possible. Hundreds of men with great tractor grain binders were busy harvesting the crop in several places, and for many miles about the only vehicles we passed along the road were huge motor lorries piled high with bags of wheat.

It almost seemed that we were into a plague of heat and wheat before the advance guard of the first foothills loomed into view. At first these appeared like great barren sand heaps, but as we approached them the apparent barrenness we found to be a carpeting of sage brush. The sage gradually merged into scrub oak as we went farther, then into mammoth mountain oaks, and finally into a vast forest of pine. The road through this foothill country was nothing for the State to be particularly proud of. Its worst feature seemed to be that of wriggling uphill and down with an utter disregard for the topography of the country. We would go thundering up some long steep grade in intermediate gear thinking we were really getting somewhere, but only to find that the hill was what is known in mountain parlance as "a fool-killer," that is a long, steep grade that takes one up only to get one to a point where it lets one down again.

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## FURTHER ADVOCACY OF THE 90 DEGREE TWIN.

As a matter of interest, would Mr. Meeson be good enough to explain the arrangement of his proposed double three-cylinder two-stroke with cylinders at 60 degrees and 90 degrees?

This multiplication of cylinders idea with which many are infatuated seems to me wrong. A very smooth torque is obtained, but a steam turbine or an electric motor would be better still. The car world want up to 12 cylinders, but has decided that fours make the best power units with sixes as the upper limit in luxury. Yet their engines average two to three times the size of motorcycle engines. They could have 18-cylinder engines if desired, but there are limits to everything. From 1000 to 1200 c.c. it is by no means decided that a four-cylinder engine is a better proposition than a twin, even for the luxury trade.

Similarly, motorcycles have progressed from singles to fours, but twins are generally recognized to be the most suitable for the market. Apart from the lesser wealth of motorcyclists as a class, there is the consideration of the best size of a cylinder, and 250 c.c. seems to me to be below the limit. Why do not those people who call for a four-cylinder motorcycle use a Scott twin two-stroke? The smoothness of torque and petrol consumption are the same, and the performance with a sidecar is remarkable for its size.

Very significant is the decision of a motor agent of my acquaintance. He is buying a four-cylinder for himself in order to introduce fours to his district, in the expectation that the annual overhauls at least will be handed to him. As I said before, a four-cylinder motorcycle would be for the average man a garage job, with costs in proportion.



As stated on a previous page the American army is making extensive use of English motorcycles. The machine illustrated is one of the latest W.D. type Douglasses.

V-engine scores over the horizontal one. His energy, perseverance, and enthusiasm must be remarkably great (both wishbone and backbone must be strongly developed), and I congratulate him on his humorous description. Perhaps he would oblige with a few particulars of saddle height, wheel-base, weight and cost.

W. R. DUCHEAR.  
London, W. 1.

### Why Not Employ Youths Behind the Lines?

I am still some months off my seventeenth birthday, but as I am 5 ft. 11 ins. in height and in the pink of condition, thanks to athletic training in a public school, I am frequently encountering the interrogative glance because I am not in khaki. Surely there must be work in France for me and many others so placed?

YOUNGSTER.  
Newport, Mon.

### Young Motor Volunteers Want the Real Thing.

We have been reading with interest the correspondence in MOTOR CYCLING with regard to the utilization of the services of boys between 16 and 18 years for motor-cycling work in England or behind the lines on the various fronts.

There is, no doubt, a lot of useful work to be done in the way of despatch riding which could well be done by boys of the above ages. We are sure that you would get enthusiastic support if this suggestion were acted upon by the authorities. We can assure you that we should be two of the first to join. One of us is in the Motor Volunteers, and we cannot see why he should not be admitted into the regular Army for work at home or behind the lines. He is accustomed to driving a car.

We wish your paper every success.

LAURENCE J. HESSEY.  
HENRY BELL.

Victoria, London, S.W. 1.

## Correspondence (contd.).

## Asking to be Used.

I notice that in recent issues of MOTOR CYCLING four young correspondents ask if it is not possible for boys to drive for the R.A.F. I am of the necessary age myself, and should only be too glad to do something of the sort.

There are plenty of youths who can drive quite as well as some of the men one sees driving lorries, tenders and motor-cycles. As for hardship, we can stand that as well as some of the men who are in the Army.

I am quite aware of the fact that there are openings for boy mechanics and clerks, but these only seem to occur occasionally.

R. PEARCE.

117, Bromley Street, Sheffield.

## The British or American Controversy.

## Mr. Fair Returns to the Fray.

I have read Mr. Houlding's recent letter with interest, but do not agree that removing the whole engine from the frame is nearly so simple as "wangling" the most obstinate cylinder off. "G.T.M." obviates trouble of any kind by using liquid decarbonizer, but this does not reach the carbon underneath the piston heads.

I do not think the reason why the Yanks use P. and M.s is that having the cylinder part of the frame is good construction but that it is a good all-round machine. I have not had practical experience with the P. and M., but it seems to me that cylinder removal would be much easier on this machine than on the average Yank.

I read the letters from "Matador" and the "Three Australians." The former specifies a machine on distinctly British lines for service riding, and as conditions on service are extremely exacting I think this is a very great tribute to the Britisher. The "Three Australians" mention springing, but I consider the horizontally-opposed Matchless ahead of the Yankee in this respect. They also refer to hill-climbing, but they apparently compare the average 7.9 h.p. American machine with an overloaded 3 h.p. British single. I think our big twins fully as good climbers as the Yankee machines.

I once tried to re-time the magneto on an American twin, and after some hard work undoing 18 bolts I came to the conclusion that the British method of using two or four bolts for the same purpose would save much valuable time. Again, the contact breaker cover could not be removed without removing the forward chain cover, the attachments of which were apparently designed to give as much work as possible to the owner.

I am looking forward to the time when the good points of the American machine, twist-grips (for their adherents), and larger wheels and tyres are incorporated with British simplicity and durability, which is very marked, inasmuch that it is by no means uncommon to see 1905 machines in going order advertised in the columns of technical journals.

161, Windsor Road,

Ilford, Essex.

M. H. FAIR.

## Another Criticism of Mr. Heather's "1920" Design.

Whilst there are several features in this design which, although being unconventional, are really excellent, to my mind it contains some disadvantages which cannot be overlooked.

I am going to endeavour to point out what, in my opinion, are some of the disadvantages in this design, and the alterations I would make.

Admittedly the cowling apparatus prevents oil from finding its way on to the rider, but, and it is a very big but, surely it must scoop in all the dust and dirt? Truly, I should not relish the job of cleaning Mr. Heather's engine after a long run! It would appear that this cowling apparatus would have to be discarded.

As the exhaust pipe only stretches as far as the gearbox, I fail to see how it is to silence the engine effectively. I am one of those cranks who like a machine to be as silent as possible in a town, and in the open country I should not object to the exhaust resembling that of an aeroplane; therefore give me a well-designed silencer of adequate dimensions and carry the exhaust pipe on as far as the rear hub. This should silence the engine effectively. For country work a cut-out could be usefully placed just on the engine side of the silencer.

I hesitate to criticise the propeller shaft member until a test of it has been made. To my mind, shaft drive on a motorcycle, at any rate up to the present time, has not been satisfactory, as the most minute adjustments have to be made to get this part to run silently, and the noise of an improperly adjusted propeller shaft is, to say the least, awful.

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Regarding the throttle control, I should like to see Bowden wire entirely eliminated from motorcycle design. Why not a foot control as in car practice?

Then again, in connection with the front brake control, as I have said, do away with Bowden wire. I see no objection to a hand lever, which could advantageously be provided with a ratchet to hold in the rider's absence.

Given a sensible exhaust pipe design and a fool-proof oiling system the engine would be A1. Such a design with the above alterations is, to my mind, very nearly the ideal. The most noteworthy feature of the machine appears to be the clutch, which cannot fail to give lasting satisfaction, and on which I consider Mr. Heather is to be heartily congratulated.

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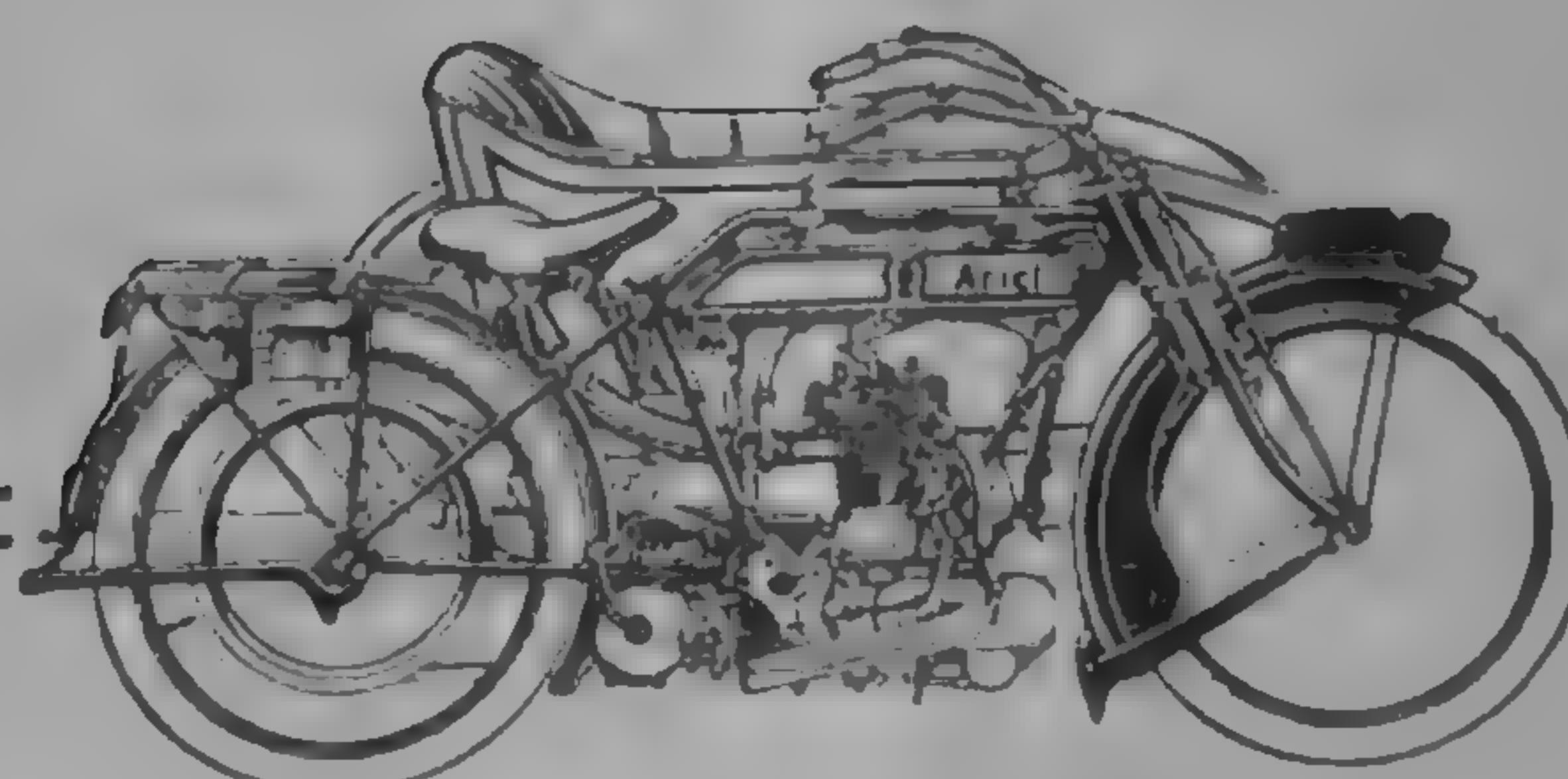
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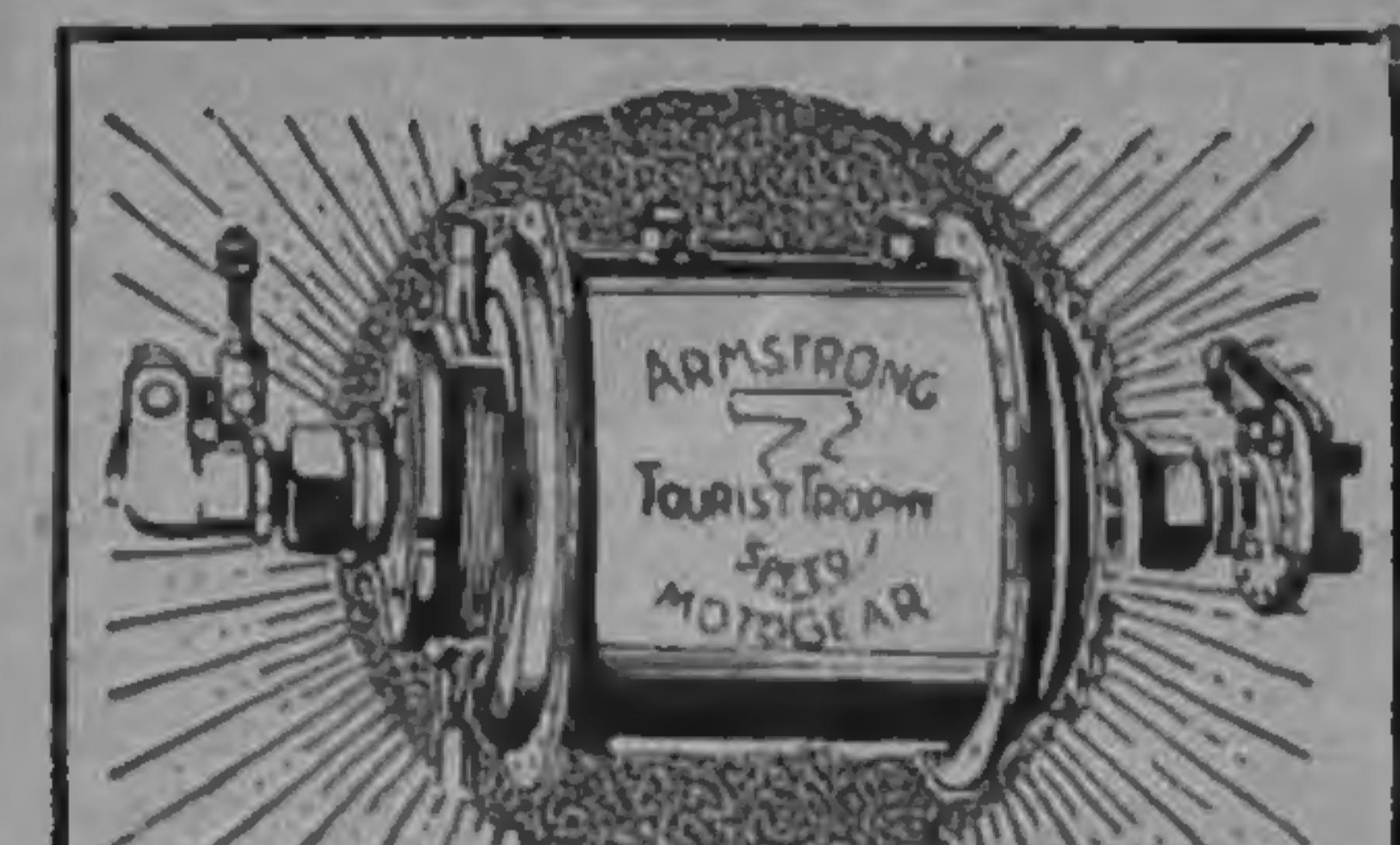
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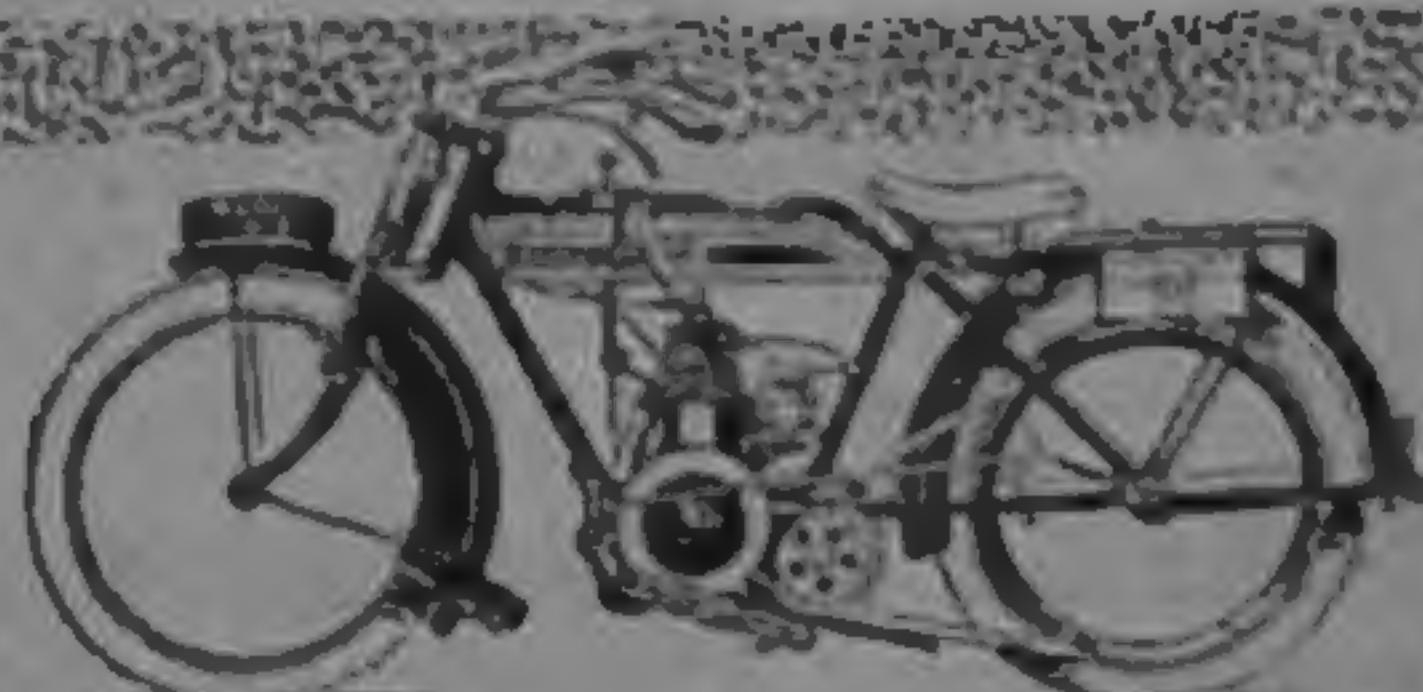
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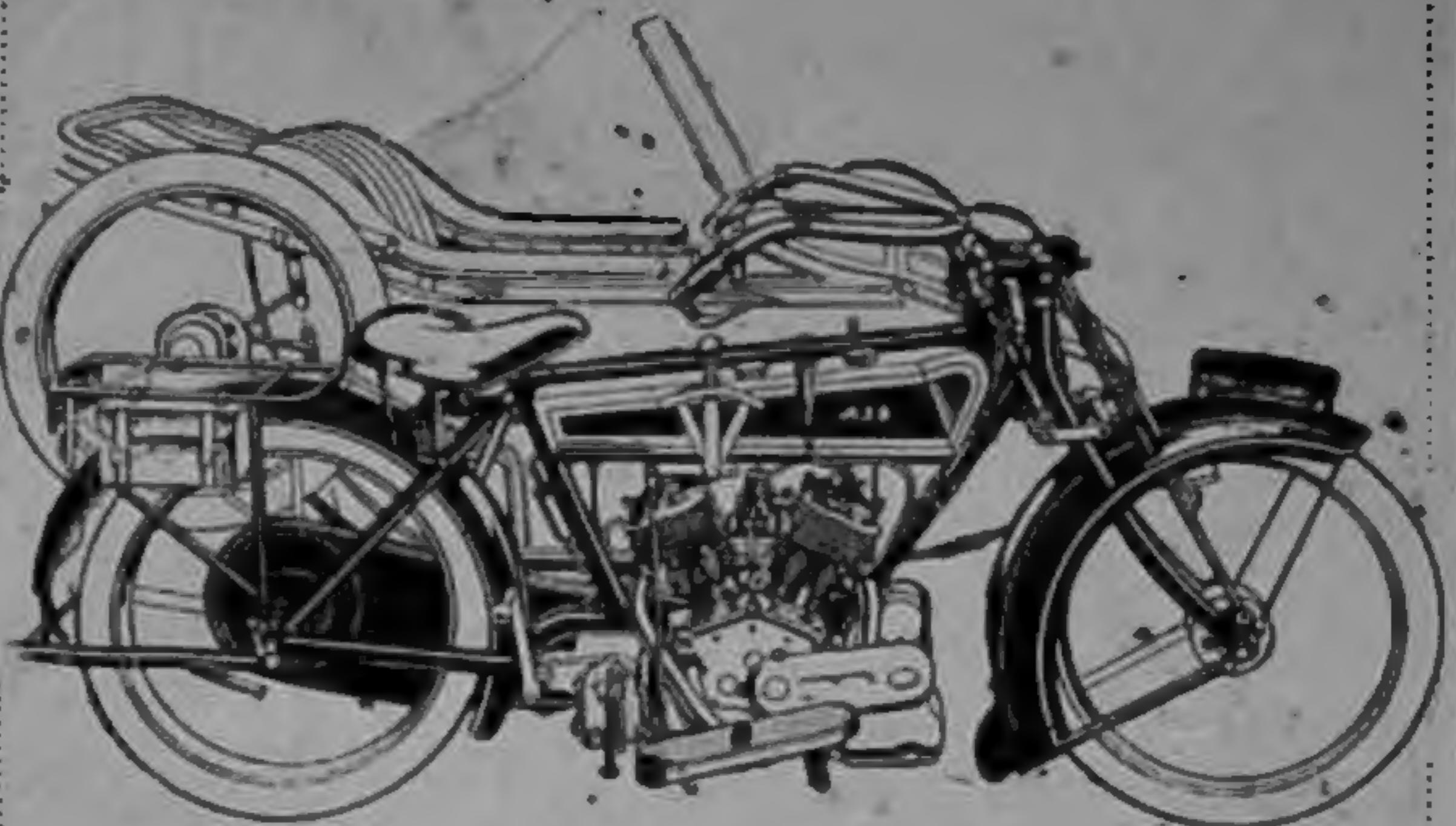
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